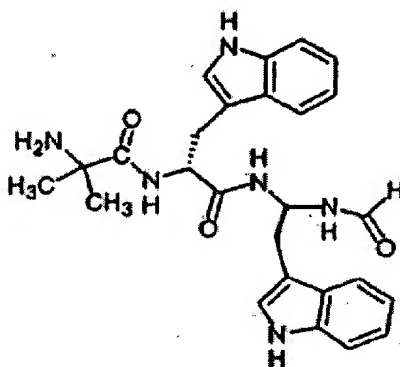


CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Original) A compound which is



5-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a compound of claim 4.

8. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 7, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

9. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 7, in combination with an additional growth hormone secretagogue.

10. (Previously Presented) A method for elevating the plasma level of growth hormone in a mammal comprising administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to elevate the plasma level of growth hormone.

11. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of growth hormone secretion deficiency comprising administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective

amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to treat the growth hormone secretion deficiency.

12. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of growth retardation in a child comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to treat the growth retardation.

13. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of metabolic disorders associated with growth hormone secretion deficiency comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to treat the metabolic disorder.

14. (Previously Presented) A method for promoting wound healing, recovery from surgery or recovery from debilitating illnesses, which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to promote the healing or recovery.

15. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 4 in the form a salt thereof.